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"Sometimes I would rather have people take away years from my life than take away a moment."
Pearl Bailey

School Board nominations

by George Stailey

As most of you are aware, BB 1904 has passed and was signed by the Governor on April 23, 1999. This makes the Indiana School for the Deaf and the Indiana School for the Blind state schools that are separate from the Indiana State Department of Health. More specifically, this bill transfers some of the State's authority to each school's superintendent and to a School Board.

With this information, I am writing to ask that you submit any nominations/ recommendations of individuals who you believe would be positive candidates for our School Board to my office by May 29th.

As always, thank you in advance for your continual help and understanding in this matter. If you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office.

Selected 8th graders head for Colorado

by Tim Burdsall

From July 17th through the 26th, six 8th grade students and three staff will travel by van to participate in an outdoor leadership training experience with Outward Bound in Leadville, Colorado. Deaf Leadership Expeditions, a grant project directed by Tim Burdsall, plans to help students build a smoother transition from middle school to high school through learning leadership skills in the confines of the Rocky Mountains. The students will experience a variety of mountaineering skills such as rock climbing, rappelling, low and high ropes courses, map and compass training, low impact back country living, a three-day peak ascent, and a solo descent that reflects on the leadership skills obtained during the expedition. The project's goal is to create such an impact on the students that they will bring back with them the confidence, self-esteem, and ability to become future leaders at ISD- both academically and socially. The following students will be participating: Emily Schultz, Kortney Chew, Tiffany Bohannon, Tony Moore, Jason Fitzgerald, and Chris Charles. Cami Cass, Mandy Mueller and Tim Burdsall will be the staff guides. We wish them all the best of luck as they partake in this most challenging and rewarding experience!

Congratulations to Darin Turner

by Bob Kovatch

Please welcome a new, yet well-used, addition to the staff. Darin Turner, a long-term substitute teacher at ISD, has been hired as the Multimedia Lab teacher. Darin graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a bachelor in Fine Arts. He is very experienced in graphic applications and 3-D design. He has also worked locally at Hope House and taught ASL for IAD. He is a past Art Director for *DeafLife* magazine and served in various capacities at NTID. Congratulations on your permanent position.

A warm welcome to Gary Mowl

by Bob Kovatch

Please welcome Gary Mowl to ISD as our new ASL Specialist. Gary is the former Superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morgantown. He also chaired the Center for Sign Language and Interpreting Education at NTID. He is Deaf and is a child of Deaf parents and grandparents and has numerous Deaf relatives including Middle School teacher Rita Mowl, his sister. He brings to ISD 19 years of experience in Deaf Education and has worked at numerous educational organizations including Bloomsburg University, Mount Aloysius Junior College and the Tennessee School for the Deaf. His ASL training includes university courses at the University of Rochester, University of Tennessee and Maryville College. He has presented many times at NAD and RID regional and national conferences and has been very involved in curriculum development for several years. Gary's three children, Amy, Anthony and Jon, attend ISD. Please join me in welcoming him to our staff.

Medications and the law!

by Deb Robarge

Indiana state law forbids students in our schools to have medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, in their possession while at school. This includes in their pockets, backpacks, lockers, dorm rooms, etc. The only exceptions would be medications that have a specific doctor's order permitting the students to carry and self-medicate themselves with specific medications (i.e. inhalers, etc.). This order must be submitted to the Health Center and school and dorm will be notified of the order. Any product not specifically for cosmetic use is included as an over-the-counter medication. Examples include cough and cold products, pain relievers, antacids, vitamins, health supplements, etc. If you have questions about specific items please call the Health Center to check. These are the consequences of violating this rule, as stated in student code of conduct: for the first offense, a 3 day suspension; second offense, a 5 day suspension. As always, feel free to contact the Health Center with any questions you may have regarding this policy. Our toll-free number is 1-800-715-5602.

Ci2i recognizes ISD teachers

by Dan Stutler

Beatrice Pfaff and Daniel Smith were presented with Certificates of Achievement for their dedication to ASL programming through Vision Athena. Susan Tennant, Distance Learning Coordinator for Central Indiana, said that Beatrice's and Daniel's motivation and dedication ensured that more than ninety (90) high school students from Beech Grove, Crawfordsville, Hamilton Southeastern, Plainfield and Turkey Run High Schools learned ASL through daily distance learning coursework.

ISD was also recognized along with Plainfield, Guion Creek and Eastern Hancock Middle Schools for their collaborative unit on diversity and discrimination.

Library deadline approaches!

by Linda Canty

No library materials will be checked out after Friday, May 21. Please ensure that all materials borrowed by students are returned to the libraries by Friday, May 28.

Teachers, however, get a bit of leeway: your materials are due back on June 5.